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Separate Kidnap Trial

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.,— Judge Paul Larrazolo ruled yesterday that Reies Lopez Tijerina must be tried separately from nine other defendants in the kidnaping trial that stems from a raid on the Rio Arriba County courthouse in 1967.

Larrazolo said Tijerina, who is the leader of the Alliance of Free City-States, would be tried first and the others later.

The raid on the courthouse was led by Tijerina to dramatize the struggle of the Alliance to secure the rights to ancient Spanish land grants in the Southwest. During the raid some sheriff's deputies and courthouse employes were held captive.

The trial of the 10 defendants began last week. Only four prospective jurors had been chosen.

Set for Tijerina